of medicines are unavoidable if their availability is to be ensured. However, the increae is not to the extent indicated in the question.

(b) The Drugs Policy, including DPCO, 1987, is under active review of the Government.

(c) to (e) There are no reports regarding the wide-spread shortage of any life saving essential drug. In so far as pricing of medicines are concerned, price revisions of price controlled drugs/formulations are approved on the basis of recommendations of BICP as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, and after careful scrutiny in the Department. In the case of formulations outside price control as and when any unreasonable price increase is noticed, Government intervenes to bring it to a reasonable level. With this approach, overall availability of drugs at reasonable prices has been ensured.

Setting up of an Atomic power station in Kerala

1145. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an atomic power station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision regarding the site of the project;

(c) whether Government of Kerala have submitted any proposal in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware of certain objections raised by the various organisations of the State; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal in the eighth five year plan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kerala State Authorities proposed a number of sites for setting up of an atomic power station. Preliminary investigations on these sites were carried out by a Technical Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). Presently, a Site Selection Committee constituted by the DAE is reviewing the work done by the Technical Committee. This is part of the ongoing site investigations to meet the future needs of the nuclear power programme.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Selection of sites for nuclear power plants is made only after a detailed review of site characteristics by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board on safety aspects, Union Ministry of Environment and Forests on environmental angle and the approval by the Government. All safety and environmental aspects are given due consideration before selecting any site in the country.

विकासात्मक कार्यों में परमाणु ऊर्जा का इस्तेमाल किया जाना

1146. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में पैदा की जा रही परमाणु ऊर्जा का इस्तेमाल विकासात्मक क्रियाकलापों के लिए किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?